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Letter dated 16 September 2013 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 10 September 2013 (see annex) from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict (established by Council resolution 1612 (2005)), based on the conclusions of the Working Group adopted on 16 August 2013 (S/AC.51/2013/2).

(*Signed*) Gary Francis **Quinlan**
President of the Security Council

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Annex to the letter dated 16 September 2013 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

At its 38th meeting, on 20 May 2013, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the third report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Myanmar (S/2013/258), covering the period from 1 April 2009 to 31 January 2013. At its 40th meeting, on 16 August 2013, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Myanmar (S/AC.51/2013/2).

In follow up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011) and 2068 (2012), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Invite you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting strengthens, in cooperation with the Government of Myanmar, its monitoring, reporting, prevention and response activities regarding all violations and abuses against children in Myanmar;

(b) Also invite you to encourage the country task force on monitoring and reporting to prioritize, as the security situation improves, its efforts to reach out to all other parties in Myanmar listed in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict (A/66/782-S/2012/261), in close cooperation with the Government of Myanmar, with a view to developing action plans to end the recruitment and use of children, in violation of applicable international law, and address other violations and abuses against children in Myanmar;

(c) Further invite you to urge the United Nations country team to integrate the action plan between the Government of Myanmar and the country task force on monitoring and reporting into its workplan;

(d) Encourage you to request the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant United Nations agencies and organs to provide, within their respective mandates and in close cooperation with the Government of Myanmar, further support to the Government of Myanmar to strengthen the capacity of national institutions to improve birth registration systems, reinforce recruitment procedures, including through the institution of effective age verification mechanisms, provide rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for children formerly associated with armed forces and groups, and bolster the education system, including in conflict-affected areas.

(*Signed*) Sylvie **Lucas**
Chair
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